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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.563 **Dated:22.08.2024**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.169, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt:22.08.2024

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the D.G., ACB during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Vizianagaragam District, on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the time specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, VRO,J.Thimmapuram, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, East Godavari/Kakinada

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VAKALAPUDI SRINIVASU, 50 YEARS, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, J.THIMMAPURAM, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, 50 years, Village Revenue Officer, J. Thimmapuram Village, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 12.07.2019 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of surprise check) committed grave mis-conduct in as much as:

CHARGE:-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, J. Thimmapuram, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) gave an unaccounted amount of Rs. 8,500/- to Smt. V. Satyavathi, VRA of Tahsildar Office, Peddapuram to conceal the amount and failed to account for the amount satisfactorily.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e. he has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and also showed slack supervision and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE -II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VAKALAPUDI SRINIVASU, 50 YEARS, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, J.THIMMAPURAM, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Sri Vakalapudi Srinivasu, 50 years, Village Revenue Officer is a native of Samalkota, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District). His date of birth is 01.05.1973. He joined in the Government Service on 10.01.2001 as Village Revenue Servent at Kapavaram, Samalkota Mandal. Later he was promoted as Village Revenue Officer on 28.06.2008 and worked in the same capacity at J. Thimmapuram Village from 12.07.2019 to date of surprise check. His basic pay is Rs. 22,460/- (16,400-49,870/-). He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2035. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Brief facts:

On credible information that the Tahsildar and the staff of O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari district were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting (bribe) mamools from the persons who approaches the O/o Tahsildar for their works and abusing their official position. As such after obtaining permission from ACB, Head Office, Vijayawada. The DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram conducted a surprise check in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District(previously East Godavari District) in the presence of Mediators namely, 1) Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, 38 years, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru, East Godavari District, R/o Flat No.202, Samrat Ashok, Kings Paradise Apartment, Sainagar, Morampudi and 2) Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, 38 years, Proh. & Excise Sub-Inspector, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North, R/o Flat No.C-2, High Rise Apartment, Gaadhalamma Nagar, Morampudi, Rajamahendravaram from 11.45 hrs to 23.45 hrs on 24.01.2020, found irregularities and laps in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal and same was mentioned in Surprise check proceedings dated. 24.01.2020.

During the surprise check the DSP, ACB found irregularities of the Government Servant and the same are following.

Gave an unaccounted amount of Rs. 8,500/- to Smt. V. Satyavathi, VRA

During the course of Surprise check, one old woman concealed a wad of currency notes underneath Mee-Seva Computer table in the hall in front of the Tahsildar chamber. On the instructions of the DSP, one of the mediator collected the wad and on verification it was found that it is Rs.8,500/- . On enquiry it is revealed that her name is Smt. Vemagiri Satyavathi and she has been working as a VRA at Tahsildar office, Peddapuram. The amount was given to her by the Government Servant and directed her to conceal the same.

Thus, the Government Servant has committed the misconduct as follows.

CHARGE-I :-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, J. Thimmapuram, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari

District) gave an unaccounted amount of Rs. 8,500/- to Smt. V. Satyavathi, VRA of Tahsildar Office, Peddapuram to conceal the amount and failed to account for the amount satisfactorily.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the course of Surprise check, one old woman concealed a wad of currency notes underneath Mee-Seva Computer table in the hall in front of the Tahsildar chamber. On the instructions of the DSP, one of the mediator collected the wad and on verification it was found that it is Rs.8,500/- . On enquiry it is revealed that her name is Smt. Vemagiri Satyavathi and she has been working as a VRA at Tahsildar office, Peddapuram. The amount was given to her by the Government Servant and directed her to conceal the same.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1, 2 & 3 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 in the Annexure No- IV and Signed statement of Smt. V. Satyavathi, VRA of Tahsildar Office, Peddapuram proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered himself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

19. **Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru** :-

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

20. **Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, Sub-Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North:**

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

3. **V.Satyavathi, VRA, Peddapuram (V), Pedddpuram Mandal, East Godavari District:**

She revealed that the amount was given by the Government Servant and directed her to conceal the same and while she was doing so she was caught by the ACB officers.

Any other witness produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE -IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. **Surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District).**

   It provides the details of events happened on the day of Surprise Check including engaging of a private person on behalf of V.R.A, Kandrakota village in Tahsildar Office seizure of documents, registers, non maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and other irregularities etc.,

2. **Signed statement of Smt. V. Satyavathi, VRA of Tahsildar Office, Peddapuram**.

Any other documents produced during the enquiry.

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